

Minutes  
Senate Scholastic Standards Committee  
October 13, 2004 meeting  
(Approved Nov. 9, 2004)

In Attendance: Scott Brown, John DeWolf, Lynne Goodstein, Jane Goldman, Diane Lillo Martin, Andrew Moiseff, Kathryn Myers, Krista Rodin, Jeffrey von Munkwitz-Smith, Robert Thorson, David Wagner

1. The 9/14/04 minutes were approved.

2. a. The committee approved (9-0-0) recommending revision of the By-Laws to include a December Commencement.

b. The committee approved (10-0-0) recommending revision of the by-laws to include one graduate student member on the Scholastic Standards Committee.

c. Provost's Draft Interdisciplinary Program Document.  
The draft document generated a great deal of discussion. It was the consensus of the committee that the document was actually setting policies for *interdepartmental* programs and scholarship as opposed to *interdisciplinary* programs and scholarship. The discussion pointed out that the lines between classical *disciplines* are indistinct, and that *interdisciplinary* scholarship is prominent even within individual departments. There was also a desire to avoid possible confusion with the BGS program, which by its nature is interdisciplinary. The Draft Document was revised by replacing all instances of *interdisciplinary* with *interdepartmental*. Additional editing was also performed. The revision will be distributed electronically to members of the SSC for review and we will continue our discussion the next meeting. The revised document needs to be sent to Senate Curricula & Courses for review. The question was posed as to whether references to *interdisciplinary* should be changed to *interdepartmental* in the Catalog. The document warrants additional discussion.

3. a. Plagiarism report update.

The committee was informed of the Chair's meeting with members of the Plagiarism Task Force (Goodstein, Gianutsos, Clokey) concerning what do with the report. The task force's charge was to report its findings to SSC; we discussed how to proceed now that we have received the report. Members of the SSC should be prepared to discuss the report at our next meeting. We will invite the Task Force to join us during our discussion. (Note: Lynne Goodstein was on the Task Force and is also on SSC.) Our goal will be to forward the report to the SEC with a letter of transmittal presenting our analysis of the report.

b. Removing an AUDIT for non-attendance.  
We initiated a discussion of whether an instructor should be able to remove the AUDIT indication from a student that did not attend class. The Graduate Executive Council has already dealt with this issue as it pertains to Graduate Students; we will find out what

their policy is. Our involvement was originally intended to bring the policies related to AUDIT with undergraduates in line with the graduate school policy. It was pointed out that in addition to graduate and undergraduates, non-degree students may also audit a class. It was clear from our discussion that before we deal with whether an instructor can remove the AUDIT entry, we need to discuss some basic issues: What constitutes an audit? What are the expectations/obligations of an auditor? What does/should it mean when someone receives an AUDIT on their transcript? The discussion will be continued at a future meeting.